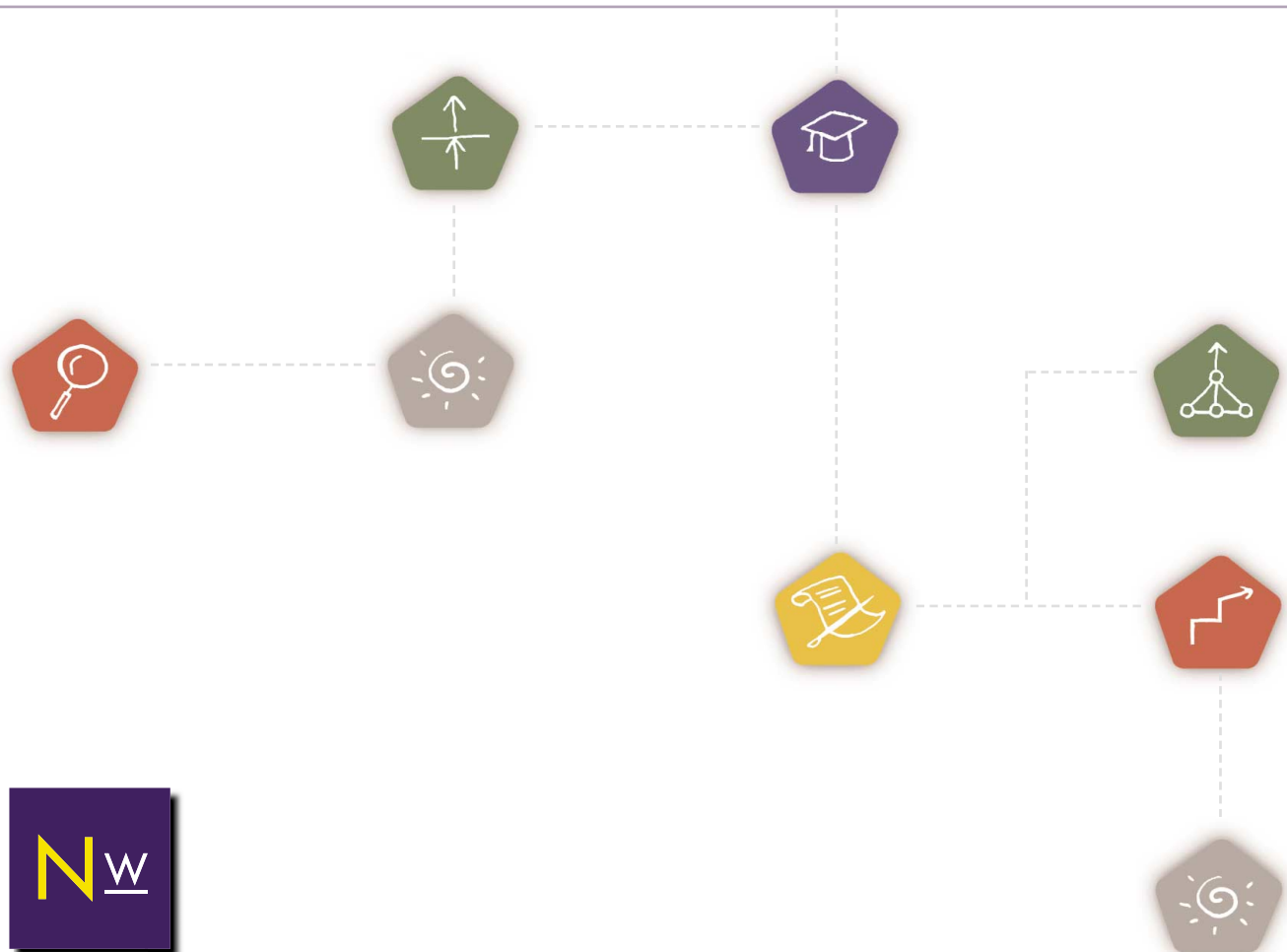




New Ways to Work

Building Connections between Schools, Community and the Workplace

Activities Update: PY 2003



Project Impacts and Accomplishments Update

Program Year 2003

New Ways continued to support the development of sustainable systems that leverage local resources and create powerful partnerships among schools, communities, and the workplace during the 2003 program year. This brief fact sheet supplements the 2000-02 Bi-Annual Report and describes the impacts of our work through the following projects and initiatives in 2003.

The California Youth Council Institute (YCi) worked with 44 of California's 50 Youth Councils, providing key strategic support to the development of local systems that serve all youth in the state. New Ways supported local Youth Councils in their work with hundreds of youth-serving organizations and schools, with 29 councils citing direct impacts as a result of their adoption and utilization of YCi's "All Youth-One System" frameworks. YCi received the "Architect of Change, Innovation in Customer Service" Award in the fall of 2002 from the National Association of State Workforce Agencies and U.S. Department of Labor.

Communities and Schools for Career Success (CS²) continued to reshape relationships between schools and their communities, improve academic achievement, and connect student learning more directly to the world of work and the broader community. New Ways supported entrepreneurs in CS² activities in four California communities and conducted planning in another, directly and indirectly involving a total of 42,065 students at 31 middle and high schools. CS² sites have leveraged over 11 million dollars in private and public support for local initiatives since 2000. Evaluation results indicate that CS² is having a positive impact on schools, communities, and students through the activities, projects and initiatives launched and supported by the CS² entrepreneurs.

The Intermediary Network (INet) is a national association of leading education and workforce development organizations working in local communities to ensure student success. Network members, convened and supported in a peer learning community by New Ways, connect schools, communities, and employers to improve education and build a future workforce. In the past year, INet organizations have begun to explore connections to the after-school and small schools movements. INet members have leveraged over 33 million dollars in public and private investments and provided services to 104,256 students, 13,473 teachers, and 9,760 employers.

The Quality Work-Based Learning Initiative developed tools and materials that were distributed to over 11,000 educators and others in California. The initiative is also directly impacting every high school classroom, teacher, and student in the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools as a result of New Ways' support during the year to link work-based learning to local academic standards. The Initiative was recently evaluated by Brandeis University, receiving high marks for the quality of the tools, training, and support activities provided through the initiative.

Targeted Technical Assistance and Support was delivered to dozens of organizations and communities concerned with developing sustainable and connected systems for youth. Significant among these activities was our work in strategic planning and resource mapping with Youth Councils across California and regional capacity building work with five multi-county regions across the state. New Ways also supported the California State Youth Council in developing the Comprehensive Plan for California's Youth and the Youth Voice Network.



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